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## Coalition helps teen parents

Newark and Plainfield youth benefit from teen projects



High School Redirection press conference—Two mothers seated with their children, Lori Brown with son William Brown and Joanne Anya with daughter Melinda Casimir. Standing (left to right) Newark School Superintendent Dr. Eugene Campbell, Newark Mayor Sharpe James, Victor A. Pelson, President and Group Executive of AT&T's Communications Services Division, Lucinda Florio, Acting Associate Commissioner State Department of Human Services Larry Lockhart, Governor Jim Florio and Plainfield Mayor Harold Mitchell.

photo by Glenn Frieson

Two Plainfield teenage mothers were demonstrated that if you decide to support and provide the necessary environment for learning and growth, teenagers mothers will strive to acquire the education and skills necessary to turn what might be considered a hopeless situation into one opportunity. Sharing these results with Newark Public Schools, Plainfield's program in School based Youth Services Program is being used as a model for a similar program to be initiated by the Newark Schools.

Private partners in this public program is headed by AT&T and was officially launched by Victor A. Pelson, president and group executive of AT&T's communications services division. The company pledged \$555,000 to help launch the programs and announced additional contributions from other corporations and foundations that will bring initial funding to \$816,000.

Pelson announced the programs at a news conference attended by

Gov. Jim Florio, Lucinda Florio, Larry Lockhart, acting associate commissioner for the state Department of Human Services, Newark Mayor Sharpe James, Plainfield Mayor Harold Mitchell, and many business, education and civic leaders of both Plainfield and Newark.

The Newark program will be housed at Newark's High School Redirection, a school for former dropouts. It will start in June of 1990.

A key feature of both the Newark and Plainfield Programs is the availability of on-site, high school child-care centers to enable teen parents to continue their education. In addition, the programs provide pre-and post-natal care, parenting education, medical assistance, literacy and job training, personal counseling, mentorship arrangements, and more. In an effort to strengthen the entire family unit, services also are available for a teen parent's immediate family.

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## Workers needed to count homeless

Philadelphia, PA—On the evening of March 20 and the morning of March 21, the Bureau of the Census will launch its most ambitious effort to include homeless persons in the decennial census. The census, taken every ten years since 1790, have always counted homeless persons but this is the first time there has been such a focused and ambitious effort to improve the count and to identify selected components of the homeless population.

The Census Bureau will not provide an official definition of homelessness or a total count of homeless persons. Rather, it will count selected components of the homeless population in two major operations.

On "shelter and street night", March 20 and 21, 1990, the bureau will count persons in pre-identified emergency shelters, both public and private, and open locations in the streets or other places not intended for habitation. These sites were identified from

the letters to some 39,000 officials in urban and rural areas across the U.S., and asking them to work with service providers, advocates, and homeless persons themselves to identify the shelter and street locations to be visited during the operation.

Work will begin on the evening of March 20 when the population is settled for the night. Enumeration will occur in shelters from 6:00 p.m. to midnight, on the streets from 2:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m., and outside abandoned and boarded-up buildings from 4:00 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. Among the pre-identified sites where data will be collected are:

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**A  
Sharpe  
Point  
of Light**

by Henry C. Johnson, Ph.D.

Reviewing a reporter's comments attributed to Mayor Sharpe James, it seems as though the mayor may have made a profound contribution to improving education in inner city schools. Basically the article, reflecting on a speech by the mayor, indicated that he said there should be new light bulbs put into one of the high school gyms. According to the article, the mayor's quip was stimulated by complaints from opponents of the high school basketball team. As

**When white children and parents complain about conditions in education, things generally get done.**

you know, Newark basketball teams are playing in suburban dominated leagues. The new organization necessitates that Newark teams play in the beautiful facilities of the surrounding schools and the surrounding schools play in Newark's school facilities.

On any other day, the comment

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### BRIEFS

#### VILLANI ASKS FOR PROBE OF MARKETS

Newark Councilwoman-at-Large Marie Villani has presented a motion to the City Council calling for an investigation by the state, county and city Consumer Affairs Departments into the price gouging practices of some city food markets. Villani asserts that food prices go up on the days when welfare checks are in the mail.

"Such practices are despicable," she said. How can there be any hope to get ahead when poor people are exploited and bled dry by unscrupulous merchants?

Villani said that she wants to see an investigative team that will check out food market prices in the inner city and surrounding suburban communities for price disparities, then she wants full scale monitoring of markets in the city for signs of price gouging.

#### NEW POSTAL RATES DISCUSSED WITH NJ BUSINESS

NEWARK, NJ—Associate Postmaster General Kenneth J. Hunter, for the United States Postal Service will hold a special briefing for major New Jersey mailers on Tuesday, March 20, 1990 at 10:00 a.m. Newark Main Post Office, room B37-39, 2 Federal Square in Newark. Following this, at 1:00 p.m., Hunter will speak to the Rotary Club of Hillside, meeting at the Reflections Restaurant, 334 Yale Ave. (between corner of Liberty and Harvard Ave.) Hillside, New Jersey.

Hunter, is expected to discuss how much postal rates will increase; their affect on all categories of mail (i.e. 1st class, and 2nd class); and the Postal Service's plan to cut future costs.

Hunter is the third top ranking Executive in the Postal Service and responsible for employee labor relations, technology and information resources, new buildings and equipment, marketing service and industry relations Programs.

## A Squad in need of rescuing



It's 3:00 a.m., you're dreaming about a warm, nice place with white sand and blue water. When suddenly you awaken to the shrieking tones of a Rescue Squad pager. You get dressed go to the Squad building to wait for your

partner, and pick up the ambulance. Your partner arrives and you're on your way. As you approach the "emergency" scene, you see your "patient" leaning up against a car, smoking a cigarette and telling you that he doesn't feel

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## Belmont/Runyon parents meet to solve problems

by Marilyn Herod

The aftermath of the tragic death of an 8-year-old pupil from Belmont Runyon School, led to a "Kick-Off" meeting held recently by concerned parents to discuss the goals for the school. The young boy died January 28, of an infection caused by bacterial meningitis. His death led to further investigation of the school, since the parents had been complaining about the unhealthy conditions there for several months. "It is a shame that an 8-year-old had to die before so many people woke up," said Sheila Holden, a parent at the school. "We want people to know, we do care about our children and we are deeply concerned about the conditions of the school."

The meeting was centered around the procedures of electing new officers and improving parents' involvement in the Parents/Teacher Association (PTA). Dorothy Menoli, president of the Essex County PTA advised and answered questions concern-

ing the operation of a PTA. Associate Superintendent of Schools, Anzella Nelms, intro-

duced the new principal, Arthur Marano who succeeds Roger

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## Rice calls for response to community concerns on Chapter I

In a letter sent to Eugene Campbell, Superintendent of the Newark Public Schools, West Ward Councilman Ronald L. Rice requested detailed information on the causes for the current Chapter I deficits, which will have an impact on the program's basic skills summer component.

According to Rice, several West Ward parents had complained previously that there were no summer school programs available for their children, unless they were in Chapter I. That whole situation was bad enough

but now, with these latest cuts, even summer school for Chapter I students would also be eliminated, leaving all Newark students without an opportunity for basic skills remediation over the summer."

In his correspondence, Rice indicated the citizens had complaints with the program and that he has concerns with the Chapter I program which include: causes of the \$2 million dollar deficit in the Chapter I program and the lack of resolution after three

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# CITY PEOPLE

## UMDNJ-Concerned Citizens honor 29 for community service



The Back Street Galleries of Montclair and the Black United Fund of N.J. held their celebrity art auction at the Essex Club in Newark. Left to right Tichina Arnold from All My Children, Bill Franklin from Back Street Gallery, Patrice Franklin from Back Street Gallery, Count Stovall from All My Children, Robert Pickett chairman of Black History month appeal. photo by Glen Frieson



Grand opening of Peppermint Entertainment Complex left to right Keith Hunter (Manager) Morris Billingslea (partner) Jan Billingslea (partner) Orange's Mayor Robert L. Brown, Orange Council President Marion Silvestri, Keith Wright (promoter). photo by Emile Dillon, Jr.



Senator Bill Bradley (center) joins East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper (right) and Essex freeholder Leroy Jones at the annual West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade. photo by Glenn Frieson

Twenty-nine "unsung heroes" have been honored for outstanding service to the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) and the community at large.

The UMDNJ's Board of Concerned Citizens (BCC) honored the men during a recent Black Heritage Month awards luncheon at UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School in Newark.

Mary Mathis-Ford, BCC chairperson, and Isaac Johnson, vice chairperson, both of Newark, presented the awards to community volunteers and employees from 10 UMDNJ departments on Newark and Piscataway campuses.

Mrs. Mathis-Ford said the BCC received scores of nominations from Newark and Essex County officials and virtually every department of UMDNJ and UMDNJ-University Hospital in Newark.

"The BCC wanted to honor 'unsung heroes'—men who are seldom recognized for the important things they do to make the world a better place," she said.

Calling the ceremony "a significant, happy and inspirational event," Herbert A. Roemmele, chairman of UMDNJ's Board of Trustees, said, "This is an occasion to make emissaries of outstanding community and University leaders, who will carry the message of all that UMDNJ, the BCC and the UMDNJ-University Hospital are doing."

Those honored were:

Newark—Melvin Brice, program director of the Urban League; James Brown, who heads the Newark Health Department's AIDS prevention initiatives; Wilbert Campbell, vice-principal of Newark's Camden Street School; Artis Carpenter, of the UMDNJ President's Office; Ed Dominique, a community youth organizer; Louis Quinones, coordinator of senior and youth activities at the Essex County Prosecutor's Office; David Jenkins, of UMDNJ's Department of Public Safety; and Arthur Johnson, a private citizen who helped Newark police apprehend a fugitive.

Also, Louis Lopez, vice principal of Barringer High School; Thomas Parks, supervisor of Newark city councilman George Branch's office, for counseling and finding jobs for unemployed people; Julio Quinones, a private citizen nominated for community service by Newark city councilman Anthony Carriero; Luis Quintana, Newark Mayor Sharpe James' nominee for community service; Joseph Radman, of the

UMDNJ Supplies Department; Rev. George Ryder, of Planned Parenthood, Newark; Benjino Santiago, principal of Franklin Street Junior High School; and William Wilson, principal of Mount Vernon School, both in Newark.

Essex: Robert Arnold, Verona, of UMDNJ-University Hospital, for helping UMDNJ become one of America's top 25 health sciences universities; John Couch, Hillside, of UMDNJ's Department of Human Resources; Bernard Sarrel, Milburn, director of Planning and Management Services at UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School; and Charles Walker, Irvington, founder of the South Ward Ambulance Service, now with UMDNJ Emergency Medical Services.

Middlesex: Ronald Burns, Piscataway, of the UMDNJ Store Room and Receiving Department; Douglas Morgan, Edison, executive director of the UMDNJ Minority Health Institute; and James Savage, East Brunswick, of UMDNJ-University Hospital, for volunteer fund-raising to assist disaster victims.

Monmouth: Noah Marshall, of Neptune, principal of Harriet Tubman Junior High School, Monticello; and Rufus Rucker, of Union Falls, of UMDNJ's Physical Plant Office.

Sussex: Bruce Bishop, of Byram Township, assistant director of Materials Management at UMDNJ;

Somerset: Shirley Liggins, of Somerset, of UMDNJ-University Hospital's Housekeeping Department;

Hudson: Raymond Mahoney, of Jersey City, an accountant from the UMDNJ-University Hospital Business Office, and

Union: Dr. Dana Williams, of Roselle, of UMDNJ's Community Mental Health Center, for his efforts in bringing UMDNJ to top 25 status.



David Jenkins, of Newark, accepts an award from Edna Greenleaf, a member of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) Board of Concerned Citizens (BCC). Jenkins was one of 29 men honored by the BCC at an awards luncheon recently for outstanding service to UMDNJ and the community.



Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Campbell, of Newark, are shown with Mary Mathis-Ford (right), chairperson of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) Board of Concerned Citizens (BCC). Campbell was one of 29 men honored by the BCC at an awards luncheon recently for outstanding service to UMDNJ and the community.

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## Community Calendar

### March thru April 14

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program will provide free tax service assistance for federal and state taxes on Saturday morning from 9:00 to 12:00 noon and every Wednesday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Bring all relevant tax information including forms providing income and expenses. Service is provided on second floor gallery of Main Library, 5 Washington Street in Newark.

### March 14

The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will conduct a free seminar, pertaining to Contracts from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center in New Brunswick. Call 249-5000 Ext 249 for reservations.

Representatives of organizations interested in applying for History grants are invited to an informational meeting to be held at the Union County Administration Annex, 300 North Avenue East, Westfield at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 527-4872.

### March 16

Community forum to discuss the importance of the census as well as jobs that will be available. 7:00 p.m. at Maxson School. Call 753-3377 for information.

### March 17

Candidates for Board of Education are invited to attend a briefing addressing the structure and responsibilities of local school board on March 17, 12:30 p.m. at the Aspen Hotel, route 46 West, Parsippany. For information, call (201) 625-2150.

### March 19

Community forum to discuss the importance of the census as well as jobs that will be available. 7:00 p.m. at Washington School. Call 753-3377 for information.

### March 20

Plainfield Board of Education will hold Business Meeting at Plainfield High Library at 8:00 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.



Preston D. Pinkett, III has joined Chemical Bank New Jersey as vice president for community development, announced William J. Shepherd, chairman.

In this position, Pinkett holds responsibility for the bank's statewide community development activities, including project financing for low and moderate income housing developments, providing loan guarantees to low and moderate income homebuyers, and grants and zero-interest loans to community-based non-profit organizations. He also monitors the bank's Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) activities.

Pinkett earned his Bachelor of Science degree in economics from Cornell University.

# Quince takes over Housing Mortgage Finance Agency

TRENTON—Kevin Quince, an East Windsor resident who has held a number of key managerial positions at the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA) over the past 15 years was named its Executive Director by Governor Jim Florio.

Quince, 39, replaced Arthur J. Maurice who resigned last month to become Chief Executive Officer of the New Century Insurance Corporation in Newark. Before his promotion, Quince was an Assistant Executive Director who supervised three of the Agency's seven divisions for 10 years.

An Executive Director, Quince will take charge of the entire Agency which has a staff of 207 and a real estate portfolio of more than \$2.5 billion. Quince will also serve as a member of the Council on Affordable Housing, a government body created by the State Legislature to meet a court-ordered mandate to increase the State's supply of low- and moderate-income housing, and he will hold the position of Vice-President and Secretary of the Housing Assistance Corporation (HASC), an Agency subsidiary.

Under Kevin's stewardship, the Agency will continue to be a strong advocate and financier of housing for low- and moderate-income families, said Melvin R. Primas, Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs and Chairman of the NJHMFA. "His extensive experience in all facets of housing production and management will allow him to utilize the Agency's internal and external resources to provide housing for people in the State of New Jersey who are underserved by the conventional market."

Quince began his professional career at the NJHMFA in 1974 as a Senior Development Officer, a position he held for six years. From 1980 to 1988, he was a Syndication Officer until he was promoted to Assistant Director of the Agency's Research and Development Division. He became the division's Director in 1986 and served in that position until 1988 when he was promoted to Assistant Executive Director, supervising the Agency's Research and Development, Technical Services and Management Divisions.

Quince earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from Hampton University in Hampton, VA, in 1972 and his Masters in Urban Planning from Rutgers University in 1979. He is also a certified review appraiser and has done post graduate studies at Wharton.



Kevin Quince

## South Africa: Mandela and the winds of change

by Colin Tatem

Over the last three decades the name of Nelson Mandela has become a household word around the world. There have been books, movies and newspaper television features about him. His future and indeed also his past, have been debated by politicians and statesmen and those of us who follow events in South Africa, as well as international think tanks and even governments. In South Africa the black majority sing songs about him and hail him as their leader and some of the whites see him as their ally while others hope he would just go away. He spent 27 of the last 30 years as a political prisoner. To publish his writings or even his photograph was illegal in South Africa. He could not even be quoted in print.

Now, at last, Mandela is free. He is no longer a myth, locked away in prison, revered as the spirit of a South African revolution against apartheid and mi-

The 22-year old NJHMFA is the largest financier of rental and purchase housing for low-, moderate- and middle-income buyers in the State. It holds mortgages on

## Rescuing

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good and wants to go to the hospital to get checked out. This is an example of how to abuse the services of the Plainfield Rescue Squad.

Have you ever called for the Rescue Squad and it took what felt like a year to the Squad to arrive or it didn't arrive at all? The members of the Plainfield Rescue Squad are volunteers who respond to medical emergencies sometimes from their headquarters, job, or home. They are contacted by the police department via radio pagers which they carry. When responding in their vehicles they use emergency blue lights.

about 180 rental housing developments statewide that are occupied by more than 100,000 tenants. And its Single Family Division has financed mortgages for

more than 55,000 buyers. The NJHMFA is nationally recognized for its innovative mortgage products and financial soundness, and in 1989 it had the highest per-

centage increase in housing bonds issued in the United States. In 1988, the NJHMFA was rated a top-tier financial institution by Standard and Poors.

The Plainfield Rescue Squad is staffed by volunteers who reside in Plainfield or the surrounding communities.

One of the challenges facing the Squad is reducing the number of non-emergency calls. In 1989 the Squad answered 5800 calls. A large percentage of these calls were for example cold/flu's, toothaches, and request for ice bags. These are not life threatening conditions and the caller can be either treated by a family doctor or taken to the hospital by private vehicle. Unfortunately the squad is being utilized as a free taxi ride.

membership. During certain hours

Another challenge facing the Plainfield Rescue Squad is low of the day or night there is no one to man the ambulances.

Requirements to join are a knowledge and ability to perform CPR and first aid, both which can be acquired through training at the Rescue Squad or Red Cross. A minimum of 4 hours a week of duty, and attendance at a monthly meeting is also required. The squad will then sponsor the member thru Emergency Medical Technician training which will provide an comprehensive view of pre-hospital life support on the basic ambulance level. This takes approximately 3-4 months.

For those who are interested in

joining the Plainfield Rescue Squad, an observer program is provided for Squad candidates to actually ride a 4 hour shift and experience the program before making a decision to join.

Joining the Squad can also lead to more involvement in the medical profession as a paramedic, nurse, dentist, or physician.

The Plainfield Rescue Squad needs community support in three key areas: recruitment of members, reduction of non-emergency calls and funding for essential supplies.

Contact the Squad at 755-0003 or come by 700 W. Seventh St. A Squad member will be happy to assist you.

nority rule. He walked out of prison hand in hand with his wife Winnie and into the hearts and minds of South Africans and citizens of the world as a real flesh and blood man, a fighter in the political arena and as a symbol for peaceful change. Yes, Mandela and his 30-year ordeal as a revolutionary leader against apartheid, political prisoner, mentor to many who went through prison with him over the years, the inspiration of the black majority seeking a new life in the land of their forefathers is now just an ordinary mortal.

Who is Mandela, this tall, elegant 71 year old man who emerged from prison to lead the opposition against the de Klerk government and apartheid? Who is this man who is seen by both black and white South Africans as the father of a new South Africa?

Nelson Mandela, a member of the royal family of the Thembu, was educated for a position of leadership. Had he not left the Transkei reserve for the city, to study law and national political involvement, he would have, in time, become Paramount Chief of the Thembu. He married twice,

had children by both wives and is a grandfather.

An amateur boxer as a young man and even to this day a man who insists on physical fitness, Mandela is an intellectual giant who is credited with having educated many of his fellow political prisoners. While in prison he earned a law degree.

Mandela was imprisoned on the infamous Robben Island, called Mandela University by fellow inmates, after delivering an eloquent defense which he ended by saying that his was a cause for which he was prepared to die. Three decades later, his message is the same.

Walter Sisulu, Nelson Mandela and his law partner Oliver Tambo joined the African National Congress in the early 1940's. The ailing Tambo now serves as President of the ANC. Mandela was recently elected Deputy President at meetings in Lusaka, Zambia where the ANC set up headquarters after it was banned. It will now re-locate its headquarters inside South Africa, led by Mandela.

Traditionally all South Africans, black and white, except for the far

right and left accept Mandela, if not the ANC, as the best bet for ending apartheid and bringing about majority rule. This Transkei prince, a contemporary of Kwame Nkruma, Patrice Lumumba and Jomo Kenyatta who have all passed into history, should he live, could one day become state President. It is feared that to frustrate political advancement toward a majority governed South Africa, there are those, black and white, who may seek to assassinate Mandela. Let us hope this does not happen, for in the wake of a Mandela assassination could come civil war.

Even with the leadership of Nelson Mandela the road to a majority governed South Africa in which all are equal citizens of the state with rights and opportunities to live and progress according to their desires and abilities is not an easy one. The populous, wealthy, proud and powerful Zulu tribe is a political force to be reckoned with. They are the allies of the British South African against whom their forefathers fought so valiantly. Together they will constitute a formidable political block. Indians and Coloreds who now hail Mandela as

their leader will also want their piece of the pie. Some of the descendants of the British will follow Mandela and the progressive element of Dutch South Africans will accept his leadership, although they too must be appeased. But the Afrikaner right, the Nazi-like militants and their followers, some vocal but many existing in the shadowy quiet of the suburbs, and in the police force, military and civil service, and indeed, all walks of life, who will struggle to hold on to their South Africa, is the great challenge Mandela must face. Mandela the myth, Mandela the father of the South African revolution for three decades must now be, Mandela the flesh and blood politician, Mandela and strategist, Mandela the statesman. When Archbishop Desmond Tutu danced and joyously shouted, "Our Leader is free", Nelson Mandela ceased being the Mandela of the last 30 years, he became Mandela a high flying rider on the African winds of change—-he became, Mandela the leader of all the people of South Africa.

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## On the Money

Don Jackson Strikes It Big In African-American TV Programming: If you saw the recently televised Stellar Awards, honoring the best in gospel music, then you witnessed the handiwork of Don Jackson. The Stellar Awards were borne out of a concept Jackson had after seeing James Cleveland's Gospel Music Workshop Awards in Chicago. "Seeing the interment of gospel music by black gospel some of the other awards shows like the Grammy's." The Stellar Awards is just one of the reasons why Don Jackson is fast becoming the nation's leading provider of black-oriented television programming. Other projects include a game show called "Black History Vignettes," and most recently, the company launched "Dionese & Friends," a weekly music series, hosted by Dionne Warwick. However, the project that has brought the most attention is the "Soul Train Awards," which Jackson helped to launch some four years ago. And while Jackson and the show's creative genius, Don Cornelius, had argued that the ratings (which influence the pricing of commercials) hadn't given them a fair shake. That issue was addressed earlier this year at the Jackson arrange for Rev. Jesse Jackson to sit in while Cornelius inquired as to how his show which last year featured Michael Jackson and Elizabeth Taylor, could have come up so short. A contingency from A.C. Nielsen's concurring the point, has now agreed to reassess the star-studded awards show. Yet, while accusing the industry of "unconscious racism," Don Jackson's goal is to bring the "Museum of the television industry." Said Jackson, "I would like to do it first before some white production company comes along and specializes in minority programming." And here in America, that too is possible... Elsewhere on the broadcast scene, Broadcast Capital Fund (Broadcap) has officially declared itself a major player in financing the purchase of radio and television stations for minorities. Recently celebrating its tenth anniversary, the non-profit organization and TV outlets. "We're moving from the farm team to the major leagues," said John Oxendine, president of the Washington D.C. - based group. Donations from major broadcasting companies like ABC and CBS helped to make it possible, as did the SBA, providing \$4 for every \$1 provided from Broadcap. At present, there are about 300 minority-owned TV and radio stations, compared with 50 ten years ago. Still, that is less than three percent of the total number of radio and TV stations, estimated at around 12,000.

Southland Corp. Shells Out \$700,000 In Case Stemming From Racial Bias: Southland Corp. (parent company of the 7 Eleven chain) was the plaintiff of intentional racial discrimination in the California case of a black couple who owned two stores in Los Angeles. The suit alleged that the company pressured the couple to sell their store in a predominantly white area, while vetoing the sale to a qualified black man. Local officials instead initiate the sale of the store to a white fanciness, who did not meet the company's usual financial standards. The couple was awarded \$500,000 in damages, plus legal expenses. In Short: Did you know that the cost of producing on half-hour segment of "Cosby Show" averages \$575,000?

...Meanwhile, Magic Johnson has found another way to diversify his earning potential as he throws his hat into the promoter arena, with his first project, none other than Janet Jackson's two-night appearance at the Los Angeles Forum.



# COMMENTARY

## Editorial

### RESCUE RESCUE SQUAD

Plainfield city government should get on with important matters. The Plainfield Rescue Squad needs to be rescued. The volunteer squad has contributed immeasurably to the health and safety of city residents but has fallen on hard times.

In 1989 the squad answered over 5800 calls in response to cries for help. Now because of a shortage of volunteers, unnecessary calls for help, and a shortage of operating capital this service may stop. We urge Plainfield's mayor, council, and director of public safety to think of the implications of losing the rescue squad.

We seem to never miss our water until our well runs dry. Let's get busy and rescue a service that we badly need to rescue those most in need.

If you are interested in working in the healthcare field you might consider volunteering some time to serve on the squad. If you have ever used the services of the squad, you might want to contact your council person and let them know. Because you did not pay for the service doesn't mean you have to take it for granted. The Rescue Squad needs your support.

### NEWARK CLERGY AND STUDENTS ARE PROBLEM SOLVERS

Dr. Verner and the Black Churchmen of North Jersey and students at Arts High and Central High are commended for working to resolve conflicts that damage the progress of the community.

The Churchmen brought Mayor Sharpe James together with Assemblyman Willie Brown to resolve what appears to be problems of communication and power among students. Students attempted to resolve tensions between students at the two Newark High Schools.

This important leadership in conflict resolution should serve as a model for the future. Let's talk it out. Defuse the tension and learn to work together.

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Commentary by  
Connie Woodruff

Congressman Donald Payne appears to be well on his way to a second term as the Representative from the 11th Congressional District.

His reception at the Essex Club in downtown Newark this week was attended by a glittering array of political "stars" including Ron Brown, chairman of the National Democratic Committee and former Congressman Peter W. Rodino, who were voluminous in their enthusiastic support of Payne's re-election this year.

More than 300 well-wishers from business, industry, labor, politics and the community-at-large packed the Club's main dining hall for the two-hour event that was anything but short of the great and near-great in New Jersey politics.

Essex County Democratic chairman Ray Durkin was also very much in evidence. The National Equal Vocational Institute, which is equally vocal in his endorsement of Payne. Durkin is the immediate past State Democratic chairman and has just been named as a

national advisor for the 1990 congressional races by Brown who repeated his high regard for the ability and production of Jersey political leaders like Durkin. Rodino added a touch of nostalgia to the affair and looks younger and healthier than when he was in the congress.

Nobody could explain the absence of many city and county officials with whom Payne worked as a Freeholder and South Ward Councilman. But then again, tickets for the event ranged from \$250 to \$500 per duck and we know most incumbents are busy raising funds for their own campaigns.

The quiet rumors that several would-be candidates are finding out they have not met the required quota of petitions to get on the ballot for the Newark municipal election May 8 and have less than two weeks to make up the deficit. This says a lot about the willingness of a candidate sitting back to let someone else do the work that should be the candidate's first priority.

It is also rumored that one of the incumbent Newark council members is still pondering the wisdom of running for another term although petitions have been gathered but as yet not submitted.

Councilman-at-large Donald Tucker doesn't appear to be worried that it is alleged that he has support from his colleagues he has enjoyed in prior cam-

paigns. Donald is and always has been on the "side of the people" and in some instances it is not always the most popularly political stance to take but he's a guy who should never be underestimated. It should be concluded that voters are unaware of the infighting when the council goes behind closed doors.

Donald Bradley is making sure South Ward voters know who he is and where he stands.

When he announced for reelection he had wall-to-wall people and further endeared himself to old and new supporters by keeping the speeches short and to the point. The rationale, according to a Bradley spokesman, is "action speaks louder than words" so it's not necessary to talk or bore voters to death. Good reasoning for any successful politician.

Carole Graves, president of the Newark Teachers Union and her campaign strategists will give the Newark elections everything they have including a glittering array of national educational figures and union leaders in and out of the state, to elect her on the first ballot on May 8th.

Graves will "announce" for council-at-large at Don's 21, March.

Governor Florio has named Richard Roper of Maplewood to the Child Life Protection Commission. Roper was one of the Blacks, minorities had been

pushing for Commissioner of Human Resources. He is Board chairman of WBGO public radio and an administrator at Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Politics.

We were surprised and shocked when we found out the Japanese have no love and little respect for Black Americans. But that has not diminished our preference for Japanese products like Panasonic, Sony, Toyotas and Nissan cars.

This week we find out that some Japanese firms are advising male employees who come to this county not just to keep their eyes on their wallets, but to keep their hands off American women.

Since women are big consumers of those "cute, little" Japanese cars, we ought to be armed with the facts about how women are really treated in Japan. These little known gems were revealed at a press conference held by feminist author Mikiko Taga:

"Sexual harassment abounds in Japan from forcing on subway to bosses demanding sexual favors. Boys names are listed before girls' on school rosters. Japan's first sexual harassment case went to court last year and has yet to be decided and only recently the one woman's crisis center set up a telephone hotline."

According to Taga, Japanese women who come to America looking for a career, don't want to return to Japan. She said in Japan

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## A Sharpe point of light

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It may have slipped passed me. It may have even angered me. After all, I can't believe the mayor would say let's put in light bulbs. The kids from the suburbs are complaining that they can't see in our gym. I thought to myself, did the complaint come after they missed several baskets, after they were beat several times by outstanding players, or did they complain after Newark players hit too many three pointers in the dark. I bet they wondered, "How can they see in here?" As another three-pointer went SWISH, they probably were saying, "I can't hit a thing. How long have they been playing with the lights out?" I imagined they also shouted, "They got an unfair advantage!"

After all, any brother on the street corner would agree and tell you that. "Yeah man you right, these young brothers hoop all day and into the night, shooting way into the dark without lights, I know cause I hear 'em out here..." Yeah it's unfair dat they make dem kids

from dos teams come down here and play in this dark gym like dat."

On any other occasion, I would have gotten mad at hell about comments like that. After all, you would have to think our kids are blind not to notice the lights in the gym are out. I am almost certain, one of our kids may have said,

...all the teachers, principals and superintendents who came to their gym never complained, or never put in new bulbs, the children grew to believe that low light levels is the way it is supposed to be.

"Hey, Hey, Hey, you man, put some light bulbs in this gym. Who do you think we are anyway?" But did anybody listen?

You might even get madder...

when you start thinking that maybe, just maybe, since elementary school, the kids have been playing in dark poorly lit gyms controlled by our school system.

And given that they were in school and all the teachers, principals and superintendents who came to their gym never complained, or never put in new bulbs, the children grew to believe that low light levels is the way it's supposed to be. After all, everyday they eat in the dark, and no one says anything; they have gym in the dark, and no one says anything. So it's natural for the least informed observer to conclude that after so much practice in the dark there is no question about it, these lovers of low light have an unfair advantage over any kids who have been playing in light.

Even the well informed will tell you, the "STUFF" never developed because tall brothers couldn't shoot at a distance. Don't think that for one minute. When the brothers started getting too dark, they jumped up to the rim and slammed the ball through it. The short brothers, not to be outdone, learned to shoot out of necessity to keep from getting locked out of the game. "STUFF" now is history and the brothers do it best. These young

brothers became more creative, like always, when the circumstances gave them no choice.

So any other time reading the mayor's comments would have made me real mad. This day was different. I looked for the point. After all, the mayor must have had a point. Didn't he? I wondered, was he serious, suggesting now that white folks are complaining, maybe our kids can get some lights in the gym. Or was he really saying, "We need bulbs in the gym, the white children cannot see." I couldn't be sure what was being attributed to the mayor, so I kept looking for the point. Then it hit me like a ton of bricks. There is a more important message to all of this. So many "great" in education and government have talked and commissioned studies by, sociologists, psychologists, consultants, parent groups, teacher groups, and so on, to tell us what we already know about how the schools are failing our children.

Johnson, hurry up, what is the point of all this, you must be saying by now. The point is very simple, and the road to improving education for our children is less complex than we are lead to believe, if we are allowed to see the forest without the trees. When white children and parents complain about conditions in education things generally get done. Naturally, any parent or child's valid complaint, should get results when it is in the best interest of the children. So if we really want to know what our schools need, we need to ask the kids to tell us. You can bet that we will get a more honest, direct, and original understanding of what can be done to improve the delivery of instruction and schools. In addition our children may even get a better appreciation of some of the differences, that go beyond money, between urban and suburban districts. In addition our children may begin to learn to exchange ideas and views and to acquire a better understanding and respect for each other.

I propose that we select a delegation of young people from inner city schools and a delegation of young people from suburban schools to review each other's educational experience, and give their analysis of how they differ and how they are the same. Of course we would need a good cross section of youngsters on these study teams, but the task itself is not to be composed of the brightest, most articulate, and most interested from each environment.

When children can see the leader of the "free world," get on television and justify why he can try to usurp the constitution for the sake of "national security" or so-called leaders blatantly lie and try to cover-up illegal actions yet face no punishment for their crimes and misdeeds should we be shocked, when young people begin to identify individuals who are good at "getting over" or just plain lying?

Scandals involving some religious leaders, don't help to make the picture any clearer for our young people. Many people will say that the trouble is that religion has been taken out of the schools, and that this is part of the moral decline of our young people. While this may be true, if our religious and spiritual leaders are not in the forefront of the struggle, advocating for change, and willing to demonstrate their ideals and philosophy by actively showing young people what sacrifice and determination are all about (like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, Bishop Tutu, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Rev. Calvin

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It becomes very sobering when we have to take a very serious look at how we might be aiding and abetting the decline of our young people. If our lack of activism, is probably linked to some of our own. You can't just sit at home and talk about change, but do nothing at all to help bring about that change. If you sit with your 3rd or 4th cousin in hand and lament the widespread drug use among young people, but somehow convince yourself that alcohol is not a drug, then you may need to do some serious thinking. If you run home to watch your soap operas, or various television shows, videos and movies, but never take your children to a museum, play etc., then who are you kidding, when you yell at your children about watching too much t.v.

We must begin to reclaim our youth-not just our own biological children, but those children, for whatever the reasons, who have been abandoned by their parents. No matter how disgusted or exasperated we may become at times with our own children, or young people in general, we must always remember, that they didn't ask to be here. It is our responsibility to be the positive role models for them.

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## Quote of the Week

The appearance of millionaires in any society is no proof of its affluence; they can be produced by very poor countries. It is not efficiency of production which makes millionaires; it is the uneven distribution of what is produced.

Julius K. Nyerere

## Setting an example is necessary

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

What I do. In a society where our kids are subjected to visual images on a constant basis, in a variety of forms and formats from: music videos, television, movies, magazines, posters etc., it is not very realistic to believe that they will not be influenced more by what you do, rather than by what you say.

Our children are watching us, even when we do not think that they are. If children never see anyone in their house read a book, or even sit down to write a letter, it might be very hard for them to understand why they should value these skills. If you surround them with pictures and figurines in your homes of everybody else's images but their own, maybe they will think that something is wrong with how they look. If you use terms which reflect and reinforce false concepts and beliefs such as: "good hair" versus "bad hair" or "moose" or "bitch", then we have unwittingly helped to confuse and stifle a young person's mind.

It becomes very easy to always blame the victim of any crime or misdeed. Young people are blamed for a myriad of ills and woes. Unfortunately, they have very few advocates. If we can admit that too many young people today, are more responsible for their own actions or abilities, then we had better come to grips with how did they get this

way. The selfless, self-centered attitudes, reflect the outcome of the values pushed by many adults, who are more focused on material possessions, and obtaining individual wealth-at any cost-regardless of the right or wrong, or ethics involved.

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# RELIGION

## Archdiocese of Newark holds youthfest

Youthfest '90, a celebration of Christian values for High School students, will be held at Seton Hall University in South Orange on Saturday, March 24, beginning at 10 a.m. The event, sponsored by the CYO Youth Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark, is expected to draw over 1200 young people.

Following the theme of "Roots and Wings", Youthfest '90 will provide those in attendance with a full day of presentations and workshops. With topics chosen by youth, the program exemplifies the best that the Catholic Church can offer young people: an understanding of the Faith's roots and the symbolic wings provided by its inspiration.

Youthfest '90 is the third annual event, and according to Fr. James Choma, director of the CYO Youth Ministry, its location at the Seton Hall Campus was prompted by the sold-out attendance of the Youthfest of '88 and '89, as well as the excellent facilities that the University offers.

"Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, said in a September 1987 address at the New Orleans Superdome, "You young people must change society by your lives of justice and fraternal love, but in order to change the world in the name of Jesus, you yourselves must actually be living your own identity - according to God's plan

for your lives," said Fr. Choma. "CYO Youth Ministry helps youth discover God's plan for their lives through traditional roots and inspirational values. In our golden 50th anniversary year, CYO Youth Ministry is as committed as ever to showing youth the way. We invite all

youngsters in the Archdiocese of Newark to come celebrate with us at Youthfest '90."

The Most Reverend Theodor E. McCarrick, Archbishop of Newark, will concelebrate an afternoon Mass with priests from throughout the Diocese. Joseph

Cavanaugh, Director of Youth Frontiers in Minneapolis, will deliver the keynote address. Cavanaugh developed a youth program at Our Lady of Grace, Minneapolis where he worked for more than seven years. The day will close with a dance lasting until 10 p.m.

## Central Jersey Y holds party

The YWCA of Central Jersey has a Mission expressed in its Purpose: "The Association draws together into responsible membership women and girls of diverse experiences and faiths, that their lives may be open to new understanding and deeper relationships and that together they may join in the struggle for peace and justice, freedom and dignity for all people."

In commemoration of Women's History Month, the YWCA of Central Jersey is sponsoring a Women's Networking and Press Party on Thursday, March 29th from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m., at their facility at 51 Liv-

ington Avenue, New Brunswick. The event will be open to all women from the Middlesex County/Somerset area. Representatives from local newspapers and radio stations are encouraged

to attend this special gathering of diverse women in Business, Community Service and Government. The evening will include a reception and a networking segment. Displays will be set up by organizations and agencies program services to the community. Please come and realize our Purpose during this special celebration of Women's History Month. For more information, please call the YWCA of Central Jersey at (201) 545-6622.

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## Workers needed

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For the shelter and street night enumeration on March 20 and 21,

the bureau is still recruiting persons to work on this special operation. There is half a day paid training involved. Enumerator pay ranges from \$5.50 to \$7.50 per hour. You can earn a \$50 bonus by successfully completing your training and your assignment. For information about "shelter and street night" operations, contact Stephanie L. Lowe at (212) 597-1990. For employment information, contact the local census 90 district office in the North Jersey area, call 201-624-8772

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## Announcement:

Henry C. Johnson, Ph.D., publisher of the *Minority Business Journal* of New York and City News, will be the guest speaker at the First Park Baptist Luncheon Fellowship on Sunday March 18, 1990.

Dr. Johnson will be discussing fellowship and economic development—the need to revive the cities.

Located at 315 West 7th at the Congregational Assembly in Plainfield, the congregation welcomes the public to the fellowship luncheon at 12:30 a.m. and services at 11:00 a.m.

The Shiloh Baptist Church, 99 Davenport Avenue, Newark New Jersey will be holding its annual "SENIOR CITIZEN DAY", on Sunday, March 18, 1990.

Services will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the church with dinner being served immediately following the service in the R.D. Spain Youth Center 109 Davenport Ave.

All those interested in attending should call the church at (201) 482-1664.

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## Belmont Runyon school

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From left to right Sheila Holden, Pamela Rawls, Pholbe Wellard, Diane Knight, Brenda Conover.



From left to right Anezella Nelms, Joseph Morano, Arthur Marano, and Dorothy Menoli.

Watson. "I look forward to working with the parents," said Marano. "The position will be challenging."

Marano has been involved in the Newark school system for 36 years. He was a vice-principal at Peshine Avenue School and a principal for 12 years at Maple Avenue School. Marano said he had been contemplating leaving but when he learned of the open position at Belmont Runyon, he expressed his interest in the school of 400 students (K through 6 grade).

Marano said he feels positive about the new position because of his experience in education. "All children are products of the Newark system. Education has always been the key to open more doors," he added. Nelms and Joseph Morano, the assistant superintendent of schools from the Newark Board of Education were performing the school functions during the absence of a principal. "I am very satisfied with the improvements that have been done thus far at the school," said Nelms. New programs have been implemented since the extensive clean up at the school, she said.

Newark Board of Education Public Information Officer Kirk Smith said Nelms has been instrumental in making positive changes at the school during the

past two weeks.

Strengthening the oversight process to ensure that the safety and cleanliness of schools is maintained, and enhancing the early childhood focus by increasing Pre-K and All-Day Kindergarten classes to include health care are among a list of goal strategies compiled by the Newark Board of Education, in conjunction with parents, community members and private industry. Last month the school closed for one day to clean the "filth" reported by the parents. The children were complaining of headaches and dizziness before the clean up.

"Presently the children are complaining of an odor of fumes in one of the classrooms," said Holden. "They were moved to another room in the school."

"The children seemed to be brighter, more energetic, since Ms. Nelms came to the school," said Diane Knight, a parent. "However, there are still some things that have to be done to improve the school's appearance."

Another parent, George Green, and Holden stated they have visited the classroom and the odor of fumes was present in the air. The situation has been investigated but not resolved, according to the parents.

Marano said repairs are still being made at the school.

## Fenner is February student of the month

Dorian Fenner a junior at East Side High School was honored by Mayor Sharpe James and WHWK of Newark last month, when he received a \$250 award and the title of "Youth of the Month" for February. Fenner has won the honor of becoming city, county and state champion of the 800 meter and one-mile run. With a meet record of 1:53.9, Fenner is the second fastest high school runner in New Jersey track history. According to James, Fenner is "a product of the City of Newark's mini olympics, the 'Youth Games,' a program set up by Mayor James to foster athletic development, discipline and the ability to work within a team structure. Fenner is a 17 year old, B student.



## Mothers' center to hold children's clothing sale

Looking for good used children's clothing? The Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey will conduct a sale of excellent condition, used children's spring and summer clothing on Thursday, March 22 through Saturday, March 24. The public is invited.

The sale will be held at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, 716 Watching Avenue, Plainfield, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. Plenty of safe parking is available adjacent to the church. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Mothers' Center and other charitable organizations.

Clothing in sizes from newborn to children's size 12 will be offered. The sale will include children's Easter clothes, baby equipment, layette items, beach items and toys. For mothers-to-be, a special section of nearly-new maternity clothes will be featured.

The Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded by mothers to offer support and information on child development and parenting to members and other interested parents in the community.

For further information about the sale or about the Mothers' Center, please call the Center at (201) 561-1751.

## Rice calls for response to community concerns

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years, absence of public awareness that the deficit existed prior to the last three School Board elections, the listing of all administrative positions and their salaries in the Chapter 1 programs, the number of conferences held in Newark and outside of Newark with the goal of each conference and source of funding, and the present Board of Education's "reserve," in terms of dollars?

Rice also stated that the Council is currently going through budget hearings and the State of New Jersey is presently auditing the Board. "The Citizens of Newark have a right to know why the schools budget has constantly increased, yet there is no corresponding growth of effective education. In some schools, the students even lack books."

"There have been recent allegations in the press," continued Rice, "that some of the Chapter 1 deficits were caused by a shuffling of unnecessary administrative positions. I will also be seeking to find out what this allegation is—all about, and what 'unnecessary positions' are being referred to."

In conclusion, the Council-

man indicated that "neither the Council nor the Mayor have legal control over the Board of Education."

## Coalition helps teen parents

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Citing the need for innovative partnerships between the public and private sectors in New Jersey's urban areas, Gov. Florio said: "School services cannot stop at the school-yard fence, because student problems don't stop there either. By initiating these programs, AT&T and its partners are providing the kind of leadership that is necessary to insure the future success of our inner-city youth."

We are particularly concerned about teen-age parents because of the many long-term effects faced by these young people, their children and the communities in which they live," said Larry Lockhart. "Our school-based programs can have a great impact on addressing the needs and concerns of these young parents so they can finish their education."

Other groups participating in the Plainfield project include: the Plainfield Health Center, the New Jersey Chapter of the National Committee for the Prevention of

Child Abuse, Community Coordinated Child Care, the Alliance of Black Telecommunications Employees, and the Telephone Pioneers of America. In addition to AT&T's pledge of \$20,000 over three years, financial contributors to the Plainfield project include the New Jersey Chapter of the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse, \$90,000; National Starch and Chemical Corp., \$57,000; the Turrell Fund, \$35,000; the Black United Fund, \$19,000; the Plainfield Community Foundation, \$10,000; and the Hyde-Watson Foundation, \$5,000.

Agencies involved in the Newark project include: the Urban League of Essex County, Tri-Cities Citizens Union, The Leaguers, Inc., The Boys & Girls Club of Newark, and the Newark Library Campaign. Financial contributors to the Newark project include AT&T, which pledged a three-year grant of \$285,000; the United Way of Essex and West Hudson, \$30,000; The

Prudential, \$10,000; and PSE&G, \$15,000. Other service agencies, financial contributors and community volunteers are expected to join the initiative prior to its implementation.

dollars are going, and how effectively they are being utilized to benefit the community."

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# CITY FIT

## Professionals say fathers need involvement in parenting

OXFORD, Miss. (AP)—While Ron and Diane Doss of Tupelo agreed to switch roles so that one parent could stay home with their youngest son, not all married couples are willing to put a career on hold or can financially afford only one income.

Because more women are

taking to the work force, men are finding themselves face to face with an increase in family responsibilities.

What they do with those responsibilities has a lot to do with the strength or failure of the family unit, says Terry Hargrave, assistant professor of family rela-

tions and home economics at the University of Mississippi in Oxford.

Hargrave said unless fathers begin to realize they have as much at stake in parenting as the mother does, family life for dual-career households will remain in a chaotic state.

In the book titled "The Second Shift" by Berkley sociologist Arlie Hochschild, most men, even those who talk equality, don't do

much child rearing, cooking, cleaning, food shopping or enough other chores to count in the eyes of their wives.

While the family income may increase with both parents pounding the pavement, Hargrave said concerns on the homefront begin to surface, putting additional stress on the couple's already hectic schedule.

"Many women who work still perform 90 percent of the house-

hold tasks," Hargrave said, "and this is not adequate for the changing times. Research indicates that when working men contribute time toward housework, marriages improve. It's a popular myth that men are beginning to take their roles as fathers seriously, that men are doing better jobs on the homefront. But in reality, the numbers don't match up."

Recent national studies by

Hochschild concluded that women spend 15 fewer hours at leisure each week than their husbands spend. In a year, they work an extra month of 24-hour days.

Women more often do two tasks at once—write checks and return phone calls; vacuum and keep an eye on a 2-year-old; fold laundry and do the shopping list. Men more often cook dinner or take the child to the park. Women juggle three spheres—job, children and housework, while men juggle job and child.

In her interview of 50 couples, Hochschild also found that men do fewer of the "undesirable" household chores, like washing toilets and scrubbing floors. More men than women take their children on fun outings to the park, the zoo and other special events. Women spend more time feeding and bathing the children.

However, Hargrave said he believes economies will be the major push behind family changes in the 21st century, forcing families to become more dependent on themselves.

"For the last 20 years, when women began to go into the workforce, families began to pay more money to get things done—hiring someone to clean the house, hiring day care services, paying to get the car washed, eating out more," Hargrave said. "But I think the economic stress will land on the family's shoulders, and they won't be able to pay all the bills that come along with having two working parents."

Stan Odell, professor and chair of the psychology department at Ole Miss, said he believes men will become more involved in the caring and nurturing of their children as the 21st century approaches.

"There's nothing that suggests that parenting and caring behaviors are more innate than learned," he said. "Women tend to have more knowledge of these simply because they are taught parenting skills at a young age."

Through education and more social acceptance, Hargrave believes men will begin to see their parental role as more than a financial provider.

"I think it's more engrained in our culture that there's men's work and then there's women's work, especially in the South," Hargrave said. "I don't think it's because men are lazy. Raising children and nurturing children are things we're capable of doing but simply have forgotten. Our culture is still male-dominated."

"I'm hopeful things will change. Men can exert their influence on children and can be a positive influence in the home if they just try. I think, in the 21st century, that's what will have to change. Males are the untapped resource in the family as far as children are concerned."

## Women and families in the 1990 Focus of WPC conference

Important issues facing women and families in the coming decade, including reproductive freedom, health, domestic violence and child welfare, will be discussed at a wide-ranging day-long conference on Friday, March 30 at William Paterson College in Wayne.

Titled "Women and Families in the 1990s: Issues and Choices," the program is the culmination of the college's celebration of March as Women's History Month. Sponsored by WPC's Center for Continuing Education, Women's Studies Program, Race/Gender Project and Office of Minority Education, the event is co-sponsored by 14 community organizations and six WPC student groups.

The conference is designed to provide a forum for women to come together and discuss the latest developments affecting themselves and their families. "During the 1980s, we saw tremendous legislative and political changes that impacted on women's rights," says Julie Barrier, assistant director of continuing education, who co-chairs an interdisciplinary planning committee of WPC faculty, staff and students with continuing education assistant director Marina Cunningham. "Now, as we enter a new decade, is the perfect time for women to assess where we stand in today's society, and to discuss the issues and choices we will face in the near future."

Annamay Sheppard, president of the New Jersey chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and a professor at Rutgers Law School, will open the conference at 9:15 a.m. with her keynote address, "How Free is Reproductive Freedom?" Sheppard, who was admitted to the bar in 1960, is associate editor of the New Jersey Law Journal and a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Task Force on Women in the Courts.

Participants may choose from among ten workshops, ranging

from "The Changing Family: Present and Future Issues" to "Women's Spirituality and Creative Expression." "We felt the conference should, in addition to dealing with complex issues, also serve to celebrate the creativity, leadership potential and multicultural diversity of women," Barrier explains.

Following the workshops, Dr. Barbara Sandberg, WPC professor of theatre, will direct "Arts for Women," a series of student presentations. The day will conclude with a wine and cheese reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Washington Street Gallery in Paterson, which is presently hosting a special exhibit in honor of Women's History Month, "Womanspirit in the Father-Son City."

Admission to the conference is \$15. A special luncheon, at \$10 per person, will be offered on campus in conjunction with the conference, and will feature entertainment by the WPC Gospel Choir and WPC Creative Source Dance Ensemble. Fee for the wine and cheese reception is \$5.

Co-sponsors of the conference are: American Association of University Women; American Civil Liberties Union; American Jewish Committee; Division on Women, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; Hispanic Association of Higher Education of New Jersey; Hispanic Women's Task Force of New Jersey; League of Women Voters; Wayne Chapter, National Council of Jewish Women; Area 9; National Council of Negro Women, Paterson Chapter; National Organization of Women; Northern New Jersey Chapter; Passaic County National Organization for Women; Planned Parenthood of Passaic County; Resource Center for Women, Summit, and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Gamma Omicron Zeta Chapter, Newark.

For additional information on the conference, please call WPC's Center for Continuing Education at 201-595-2436.

## "Greening" of Newark begins



The first phase of an ambitious plan by the City of Newark to plant 2,500 trees each year until 2005 has begun along the Route 21 corridor, Mayor Sharpe James announced today.

The phase one project, funded with a \$250,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation, also calls for the cleanup of adjacent areas along the roadway.

"The City, using its own funds, will plant an additional 2,000 trees this year."

"This tree planting program launches our city's decade of the environment," Mayor James said. "This is one of the many things we are doing in preparation for the Earth Day celebration on April 22. Newark has made a commitment to be in 'Global City' whose actions benefit the environment both locally and

throughout the world."

A city contractor is currently planting nearly 500 trees and hundreds of shrubs along the length of Route 21 (McCart Highway), as well as thousands of flowers such as daffodils and tulips.

James said, "Planting greenery helps beautify our city, but even more importantly, these trees and shrubs will produce clean air, which is something that's been ignored far too long in urban areas."

According to Alvin Zach, director of the Newark Department of Engineering, trees are excellent weapons in the war on global warming, more popularly known as the "greenhouse effect."

"In order to live," Zach said, "trees take in carbon dioxide, which happens to be a major contributor to the greenhouse effect, and convert it to oxygen. Plants also absorb sunlight that would otherwise be reflected back to the atmosphere and cause further warming."

## Aids and women of colour

NEWARK, NJ—The incidence of AIDS is increasing among African American and Latino women within Essex County. To combat this rise, the first countywide seminar to focus on "AIDS AND WOMEN OF COLOUR" will be held on Saturday, March 24 at Essex County College, 303 University Avenue, room 2131, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"We felt that we needed to do some AIDS education on a larger level," says Det. Patricia Smith, an AIDS Education Specialist with the Essex County Sheriff's Office and coordinator of the seminar. Currently, there are over 2600 AIDS cases in the county.

Workshops topics include the psychological impact of HIV and AIDS, HIV in the workplace, the

male response to HIV infected women, the religious community's involvement with AIDS issues, HIV and adolescents, and HIV and substance abuse.

"Women engaged in high risk behavior are one of the major concerns of this seminar," says Det. Smith, who is also a registered nurse. "We're seeing an increasing number of young people turning up HIV positive. If we can reach out to young people in their teens, we might be able to curb this disease."

"AIDS AND WOMEN OF COLOUR" is open to the public, but registration is requested. Free lunch and parking will be provided.

For more information, please call the Essex County Sheriff's Office at 201-621-4139.

## As I see it

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women rarely complain about being taken for granted by men, maintaining an inferior position in society and employment or seeking redress for their life.

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# CITY LIFE

## BILLBOARD

### March 20

Spencer Christian, sports reporter for WABC-TV's Eyewitness News and weatherman on ABC's "Good Morning America" will appear at Essex County College's Mary B. Burch Theater at 1:00 p.m.

### March 23

Sweet Honey In The Rock, State Theater in New Brunswick, 8:00 p.m. For information, call 242-0500.

### March 24

Sweet Honey In The Rock, Essex County College, Newark, 7:00 p.m. For information, call 242-0500.

### March 25

Sweet Honey In The Rock, Montclair State College, Upper Montclair, 4:00 p.m. For information, call 242-0500.

## NCSA presents spring dance recital

The Newark Community School of the Arts (NCSA) will present its second annual Spring Dance Recital on Sunday, March 25 at 3:00 p.m. at Newark Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad Street in Newark.

Under the direction of NCSA Dance Department Chairman Roberto Artega, 300 students, ages 4 to adults, will perform various dance forms including ballet, tap, modern, jazz and ethnic dance numbers, choreographed by NCSA faculty members.

Faculty members participating include Ivetta Garcia, Natasha Grishin and Roberto Artega, ballet; Elizabeth Canzanos, tap; Krystall Hall, modern and jazz; and Loulous Loulous, African dance.

Tickets to the Spring Dance Recital are \$6.00 for adults; \$4.00 for students and seniors and can be obtained at NCSA Tuesday - Thursday, 9am - 6:30pm and Friday and Saturday, 9am - 5pm or at Newark Symphony Hall the day of the performance.

The Newark Community School of the Arts is New Jersey's largest arts school with an enrollment of approximately 2000 students. Instruction in music, dance, drama and the visual arts are available.

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## Eubie! creates musical history at Kean-Brown

Plainfield, N.J. The highly-acclaimed National Black Spectrum Theatre's production of *Eubie!* opening at the Grant Avenue Community Center's Kean-Brown Centre Stage in Plainfield on Thursday, March 22 at 8:00 p.m., offers a sensational lesson in the musical history of the 1920s.

*Eubie!* provides a dazzling sampling of six decades of music composed by the late great Eubie Blake, spanning from the 1899 "Charleston Rag" to the 1958 "Hot Feet". Comprised of 24 songs and dance numbers, it recreates the authentic rags to riches legend of this prolific artist. The show will also play in Plainfield on Friday and Saturday.

Blake's own musical debut was as a melodeon player for Dr. Frazier's Medicine Show. By 1900, at age 17, he bought his parents an \$800 home with his earnings which greatly exceeded those of his father, a stevedore. Blake is best known for changing music theatre history overnight in 1921 when his production *Shuffle Along* became the very first Black Musical to play on Broadway, then the Great Milky White Way. *Shuffle Along* introduced two of the most famous Black artists, dancer Josephine Baker and singer-actor Paul Robeson.

The show, *Eubie!*, itself made history by giving flowers to an artist who was still living when the original Broadway production played in the late seventies. The only spoken words during the entire performance were by tap dancer Gregory Hines, launching his stage and film career.

Leslie Dockery, who directs, choreographs and provides musical staging for the Black Spectrum Theatre Production, was the Brown Sink vamp in the original



Grant Avenue Community Center in Plainfield presents the best in Broadway musical history with the National Black Spectrum Theatre's production of *Eubie!* playing Thursday, March 22 through Saturday, March 24. Curtain is 8:00 p.m. For ticket information call (201) 561-0123.

Broadway version of *Eubie!* Stephen Semien, the Assistant Choreographer for the show being presented in Plainfield, choreographed *Porgy* for the Calgary Opera during the 1989 Winter Olympics in that Canadian city.

The cast ensemble is comprised of seasoned Broadway, Off-Broadway and recording artists, including among others:

\* Riki Brooks, the recording vocalist on I Need Love

\* Jean Cheek, star of the Broadway productions *Ameh Corner*, *Broadway Show 88*, and *It's So Nice to be Civilized*

\* Cisco X. Dreyton, who worked with Gregory Hines in *Cotton Club*. Freda Payne in *Sophisticated Ladies* and Melba Moore in *Purlie*.

\* Randy Flood who performed Off-Broadway in *Mama*

want to Sing and in the national tours of *The Wiz*, *Journey Into Blackness*, and *Harlem Heyday*.

*Eubie!* is the second production in the 1990 Theatre Season of the Grant Avenue Community Center, under the artistic direction of Herman Levern Jones. This season is funded in part by the New Jersey State Council On The Arts and National Endowment For The Arts.

Tickets for *Eubie!* and subscriptions for the season are at sale now at the Center, 403 West Seventh Street in Plainfield. Advance adult tickets are priced at \$20. Youth and senior rates are \$10. Group discounts are available. Door prices are \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth and seniors.

For more information call (201) 561-0123.



The Hudlin Brothers, Reggie(Left) and Warrington(right) join Clarence Lilley of the Theatre of Universal Images at the after-party of the screening of their new movie "House Party" held at the Newark Museum.

## 'House Party' brings father and son a day of fun

by Calvin Spurgeon

I have made it a point to go to the movies with my children to see some of the popular celluloids that interest them in spite of my apprehensions. This week "House Party" was the choice.

Knowing the movie had an "R" rating, like any good parent I

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lectured about the importance of going to see "Glory," a movie with more meaning. Something more than just motion, sex, and foolishness, I argued. "Hasn't this nonsense been overplayed," I shouted at my son who was determined to convince me that "House Party" was better. "I already know about 'Glory,'" he said. "Yeah, but you haven't seen the story," I retorted. "Glory" is an adult movie. I am tired of adult movies, I want to see something funny. I haven't seen anything funny all year," he bellowed. I thought to myself... This kid is making some good points... but I can't give in now. My argument against going is just too good and too right. As we both walked away pouting, I thought to myself... Why do I want to go to the movie tonight to see the movie or be with my son. Let's go see "House Party," I said. He said, "what changed your mind." I said, "You."

"House Party" is worth seeing with the kids but there is a lot you need to talk about afterward. Talk about how the movie was made, the acting, the financing of movies, and how movies are expected to generate income for their investors. But after you talk

about the adult stuff. Talk about the funny parts in the movie and the fun of just being together.

## Women's history month read-a-thon

A Women's History Month Read-a-Thon, She Who Learns Teaches, featuring the literature of women from around the world will be held in the main lobby of The Newark Public Library on Sunday, March 18, from 1-4 p.m.

For the program works of such authors as African-American writer Mari Evans, Hispanic-American poet Luz Maria Umpierre, South African autobiographer Winnie Mandela, and Indian novelist Rekha Sukhwat Hossain will be read aloud by members Newark literary societies. These include the Frances E. W. Harper Literary Society, the Newark Writers Collective, and the Phillis Wheatley Literary Club.

"She Who Learns Teaches" is sponsored by the Frances E. W. Harper Literary Society of The Newark Public Library. Its purpose is to spark interest in the works of lesser-known, but significant women writers, as well as

## The Screening Room By Dean Sluyter



## THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER Cold War & Remembrance

I love a good thriller as much as the next guy. There's a special pleasure in giving yourself up to the well-oiled roller coaster ride, surrendering and emotions to the pure visceral rush. If it's orchestrated expertly enough, who cares how dumb the story line, how primitive the emotions? In the dim awareness of that dumbness around the periphery of your perception adds to the thrill: you know you're abandoning yourself to something that couldn't seduce you if you were sober.

"The Hunt For Red October" keeps looking like it's going to be that kind of sweep-me-away thriller. But it never quite makes it. It opens with an absolutely ravishing shot: From a close-up on Sean Connery's stern, white-bearded face, the camera pulls back to reveal the innocent hull of the submarine on whose deck he is standing, and the sub sweeps—whooosh!—diagonally past us. Unfortunately, nothing that happens after that is nearly so exciting.

There's plenty of potential here. Tom Clancy's pulp novel, despite its obsolete Cold War setting, has the requisite high-stakes nuclear poker plot. Marko Raimius, a renegade Soviet commander (Connery), sails his new-fangled super-silent strategic sub across the north Atlantic toward the American coast. Is his plan to launch a nuclear attack on Washington, or to defect? The answer may rest with a mild-mannered desk jockey, a CIA analyst who has devoted his life to studying naval warfare and submarines but would never step aboard one: even the turbulence of a commercial jetliner makes him sick.

Needless to say, our meek hero is soon thrown into the thick of the action, briefing the Joint Chiefs, bouncing from choppers to ships, tussling with hard-nosed military men whose clumsy approach is likely to spark World War III.

Why doesn't all this quite come off? First, the suspense element is mismanaged. Too early in the film the audience is convinced—correctly, it turns out—that it knows Raimius's intentions. The gleaming military hardware is very pretty, but director John McTiernan ("Die Hard") has a boring, repetitious visual style. After half an hour, you're ready to throttle him if he has one more character peer at another with a my-God-do-you-realize-what-this-means gaze, or if he whips the camera across the screen in one more swish pan.

There's also a major casting problem. Connery is dependably fine. What he does is really quite wonderful: he takes just the smallest psychic step, the subtlest shifting of gears, becomes the character, and moves straight ahead. Here, with his white beard and military dignity, he looks and feels like the god Jupiter himself. But casting Alec Baldwin as the CIA analyst is a spineless, commercial move. He's much too handsome, square-jawed, and confident. Even when the script tells us he hasn't slept for three days, he looks robust. For the story's polarities to work—a safe desk vs. undersea danger, pencil pusher vs. daring admiral—what's required is a skinny, pasty-faced, bag-eyed peck.

Even the technical perfection which sometimes saves this kind of film is missing. The closing scene is bathed in flume, fake blue moonlight and prominently features a couple of the crummiest process shots I've seen in years. And how scared can we be of torpedoes that, despite the best efforts of George Lucas's supposed special effects wizards, look like what they are—cartoons?

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## Women's history month read-a-thon

acknowledging the contributions of celebrated writers. A read-a-thon will provide the opportunity for the audience to hear a variety of writers during one program.

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short period will be provided during the afternoon to share the work.

The Newark Public Library is located at 5 Washington Street. For further information telephone Sandra West, program coordinator, 705-9367.

## I Dream A World book party

On Thursday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m., The Newark Public Library will present a Book Party in Centennial Hall for the *I Dream A World: Portraits of Black Women Who Changed America* by Pulitzer Prize-winning author and photographer Brian Lanker.

The speaker will be Yvonne Easton who assisted Brian Lanker, in searching out, interviewing, and photographing seventy-five African-American women whose lives, in some way, have changed America.

A video, "Sharing the

Dream," describing the making of the book, will be shown.

Yvonne Easton, born in New York City and raised in Harlem, joined the project while working on the news desk at Life Magazine. Easton has worked as a union organizer, chief financial officer for a not-for-profit music corporation, a painter, sculptor, writer, historian, and researcher. She contributed to this project primarily through her sensitivity and networking ability, bringing these notable women together for the book.

# PT's clubhouse

## The Mythmakers Children's program

The Mythmakers, a program of stories and music, will be presented by the Children's Room of The Newark Public Library on Saturday, March 24, at 2:00 pm, in Centennial Hall.

Gerald Fiester and Richard Stillman weave stories and music in the ancient tradition, telling

tales of long ago. Their performance included Inuit, Greek, Japanese, and Celtic stories. All of the stories reveal parts of ourselves—the foolish, the curious, the wise, and the exulted.

Both Gerald Fiester and Richard Stillman are nationally-known storytellers and entertainers.

Mr. Fiester has appeared at the Whole Theatre in Montclair, on radio and television and in local performances around the country.

Stillman has appeared on Broadway, on "Sesame Street," and on the new PBS "Shining Time Station," as well as locally throughout the country.



Mayor Sharpe James, flanked by preschoolers and Newark Pre-school council members, presents an anniversary week proclamation marking 25 years of preschool service. Photo by City of Newark William Ramos

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(Answers in next week's PT's Clubhouse)



## March Quotation

The stormy March has come at last  
With wind and cloud and changing skies  
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That through the snowy valley flies.

William Cutler Bryant

## Monthly Match-Ups

Many famous people were born in the month of March. Match the people with the descriptions on the right.

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| 2. Alexander Graham Bell | b. Italian painter and sculptor |
| 3. Michelangelo          | c. Inventor of the gas mask     |
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| 5. Albert Einstein       | e. Popular soul singer          |
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## Manetc. -- Making a Difference

by Fern Taylor

The overall health of the young black male in this society is in a critical state. Drugs, crime, low self-esteem, and lack of strong male role models in the home and in the community are just a few of the symptoms which plague far too many young men in our communities.

MANetc. believes it can make a difference in the strong black role model department.

MANetc. is the Minority Athletes Networking group, a body of former athletes who have organized themselves with the purpose of positively influencing the lives of the young black men so much of society has already given up on.

I recently spoke with Terry Jackson, the former Giant cornerback and one of the founders of MANetc., about his organization.

"Our focus is on the young kids of today, primarily young black males," he said. "Our organization is a group of 25 blacks who are trying to make a difference. That's our motto - 'making a difference.' Fifteen of the group members are former professional athletes, with other members businessmen ranging from lawyers and accountants to school administrators. Jackson and MANetc. is counting on the fact that these athletic exploits carry considerable clout in the black community. 'The Harry Carsons, the Bruce Harpers, the Joe Morris', the Terry Jacksons, these same guys you used to watch on TV every Sunday are now working in the community," he said. "We become a part of the community. I think that adds some credence to what we are about, and who we are. We're at the

grass roots level. We don't have to that, but I think that's the key. We're ready to get our hands and knees dirty."

Though only a year in existence, MANetc. has made some steps to fulfill its commitment. They went to Harlem hospital around Christmas, took off the suits and the ties, and got in the kitchen to prepare meals for the senior citizens and the needy. "It was a family celebration," he said. "The fact that we saw 25 brothers dressed to impress giving of their time at the hospital. The fact that we were there told it all." All of these things are indeed positive and very much needed in our communities. Yet, since the focus of this group is primarily to influence young black males, I asked Mr. Jackson what MANetc. had done in this critical area.

"We've spoken at Youth Development Centers to kids between the ages of 13 and 18 that are in these homes for 25 hours a day for petty crimes. I think we've impacted some of these kids lives. 'You can't change everybody,' he added. "That's not what we're trying to do. The key is that we are trying to show them that are positive black male role models out there which are not necessarily very prevalent in the neighborhoods, in the communities in which they live."

MANetc. is currently working with the Newark Boys and Girls club on James Street on possible programs in the Newark area. The brothers in MANetc. are willing to work with organizations to help make a difference. The phone number at MANetc. is (201) 667-2293.



Olympian Joetta Clark used the 10th Annual Newark Distance Classic as a training run.

## "Pearls" Fame

It was so nice to see Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, a playground legend, get elected to the NBA Hall of Fame, even if (for some unknown reason) they made him wait four years to receive the honor.

The "Pearl," who was the "Magic Man" before Earvin Johnson acquired the name, represented the best that the city playgrounds had to offer. He showcased and legitimized this unique style of play in arenas throughout the NBA while playing for the Baltimore Bullets and the New York Knicks.

"The Pearl" had so many moves and was such a creative force with the basketball, that defenders were often left flustered trying to guard him. "It's hard (for defenders) to guard me because he doesn't know what I'm going to do next," he once said. "I don't even know what I'm going to do next." Monroe would use his patented reverse change move, the under hand scoop shot, or his double pump floater in traffic to befuddle opponents and amaze the fans.

"The Pearl" was truly a joy to watch and put on a good show every night. Much like former stars Elgin Baylor, Julius Erving and present stars like Michael Jordan, Monroe created a style of play which has been emulated by ball players all over the nation. In this case, imitation is indeed the sincerest form of flattery. Congratulations, Mr. Monroe.



Woodrow William of St. Anthony's of Jersey City Guarding St. Peter's Darryl James in the Parochial Boys B State Final in Lincoln. St. Anthony won 69 - 49. St. Peters is from New Brunswick.

photo by Brian Branch

## The great Wilt Chamberlain

PHILADELPHIA-In sports, the cliché is that records are made to be broken. That was brought home to fans when Babe Ruth's "unassailable" record of 60 home runs in a season was topped in 1961 when Roger Maris slammed 61 homers, or when Ruth's career home run record was smashed by Hammering Hank Aaron.

There are many other records that have stood the test of time, including Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak. But there is one record, this writer feels, that is absolute.

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On March 2, 1962, Chamberlain scored 100 points against the New York Knicks in a game played at Hershey, Pa. Even that record, as incredible as it is, can be broken, given today's accurate shooters and the 3-point shot.

But no one will come close to another record Wilt set in the 1961-62 season: averaging 50.4 points a game over a full season.

Today, it is major news when a player scores 50 or more points two or more times in a row, as witness the feat turned in by Bernard King several seasons ago when he was a member of the Knicks. A similar performance by Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls also produced a spate of book-length articles of the star's powers.

At 7-foot-1, Chamberlain didn't tower over his NBA foes. There were others as tall, and some even taller. But he towered over everyone with his talent. The year he averaged 50 points a season for the then-Philadelphia Warriors, he also averaged 25 rebounds a game over the entire season.

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"If any time is right, this is it," Miller said of retiring Chamberlain's number. "When I talked to Wilt, he said he thought this was a good idea."

"To me, it's a sin to have the greatest player who ever lived and not have his number retired in his hometown. It's something that should be done."

If the negotiations are successful, No. 13 will wave from the rafters of the Spectrum. Finally.

"The trouble is," said one of Chamberlain's former teammates, "that Wilt is so close to perfection, he's always being compared to the perfect. If he did everything better than anyone else, someone

would say something like, 'He's alright, but he doesn't have a very good shot with his right foot.'"

A native of West Philadelphia, Chamberlain starred at Overbrook High School, the University of Kansas and one year with the Harlem Globetrotters before he joined the NBA's Philadelphia Warriors. He was with the team when they moved to San Francisco, then was traded back to the Philadelphia 76ers before ending his career with the Los Angeles Lakers.

He played for the Sixers from 1964-65 through the 1967-68, leading them to the 1966-67 NBA championship. And during his 14-year NBA career, he won seven scoring titles, 11 rebounding titles and led the league in assists in 1967-68. He won four Most Valuable Player awards, was selected All-NBA seven times and twice was named to the all-defensive team.

Yet, at the Spectrum, the Sixers' home, you won't find Cham-

berlain's No. 13 jersey. Until now, he has refused to allow the team to honor him.

Now, however, Chamberlain has given his permission to the Sixers to discuss the possibility of retiring his number.

"We hope the agreement happens," said Sixers general manager John Nash. "We've been the

willing party; he's always been unwilling. We've tried to do this ever since Harold Katz bought the team (July 1981). Wilt has always indicated that he'd be willing, but then never set a date. We hope it happens."

Representing Chamberlain in the talks is Vince Miller, the basketball coach at Frankford, Pa., High School and a teammate of the superstar at Overbrook High. According to Miller, the reason Chamberlain has refused to have his number retired by the Sixers is because he feels he was tied to by the Sixers' former owner, Leo Richman.



The 10th Annual Newark Distance Classic drew more than 2,000 people. The winners were Joe Lemay of Ridgewood in the 25K run (Penn State graduate student). Newark resident 14-year-old Mario Santo of St. Benedict Prep. won the 2-mile run. Mitch Barnes of Newark won the 4-mile run.

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